(b) if so, the details of the order; and

(c) how many work charged Beldars have been reclassified as per above order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The work charged Beldars who were matriculate were allowed the higher scale of Rs. 260-400 w.e.f. 1/1/72 (revised to Rs. 3050-4590 by the 5th Pay Commission). The classification has remained the same *i.e.* unskilled. There is no post designated as Enquiry Clerk in the CPWD.

Shifting of INA Market

†463. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that INA Market has turned into a slum market in which there is no proper arrangement for shopping and parking;

(b) whether Government propose to construct an ultra modern double-storeyed market on the land adjoining Super Bazar and behind it so that shopkeepers of INA Market could be shifted in it and separate sites be fixed for general purchase, restaurants and non-veg items; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Non-payment of wages to labourers by NBCC

†464. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards non-payment of wages to hundreds of labourers working in NBCC;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the reasons for non-payment of wages to them and persons responsible for it; and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(d) the steps Government have taken to ensure timely payment to the labourers of NBCC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) It is not true that the salaries to hundreds of workers of NBCC have not been paid. However, salaries to some workers have remained unpaid for period ranging from two to three months.

(b) and (c) NBCC is a contracting organisation and undertakes Civil Engineering Construction projects of various Govt. Departments and Public Sector Undertakings spread all over India and abroad. NBCC meets its expenses from the funds realised from the clients against the work executed on their projects. On account of delay in release of payments by some clients, the payment of salaries to the workers occasionally gets delayed.

(d) As NBCC is passing through a liquidity crunch, the Government has taken the following steps to improve its financial health and enable it to pay salaries to its workers on time:—

(i) The Government has awarded/is awarding NBCC large number of Central Govt. projects for the development of North East States as well as projects related to the rehabilitation of school buildings in the earthquake affected areas of Gujarat under Prime Minister's Relief fund and under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Schemes.

(ii) The Government is also providing necessary assistance to NBCC for realisation of its dues for various domestic projects from various Govt. Departments and Central Public Sector Undertakings.

(iii) Government has allotted land to NBCC for development of Real Estate Projects as commercial ventures which will provide the Company higher returns.

Scheme of payment under DDA's Scheme for retiring persons

465. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased refer to answer to Unstarred Question 134 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd July, 2001 and state: